

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney again thanks the Examiner for discussing the present *Ex Parte Quayle* Action and an appropriate response thereto. The present response was prepared based on the discussion.

The Action indicated that foreign patent and non-patent literature documents cited in the IDS filed on October 24, 2006, were not considered because legible copies were not provided. Applicants respectfully note that legible copies of all of these documents were submitted, together with their English abstracts or documents providing their relevance, in the parent case, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/804,636, as properly identified in the IDS filed in this case on October 24, 2006. Accordingly, the present IDS was in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these documents. For the Examiner's convenience, applicants submit herewith a copy of the IDS.

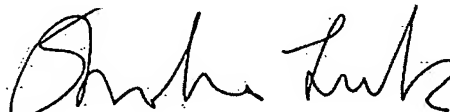
The present Action has examined the original Claims 1-7 filed in the PCT application, from which the present PCT national-phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 was filed. The PCT application, however, included a PCT Article 34 amendment of January 12, 2006, which amended pages 3 and 4 of the specification, canceled Claims 3-5 and 7, amended Claims 1 and 6, and added Claims 8-12. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion, applicants hereby submit an amendment to the specification and the claims in accordance with the U.S. practice, which reflects the same exact amendments set forth in the PCT Article 34 amendment.

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The Examiner's consideration of the specification and the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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